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The statement carries absurdity on its front and The statement carries absurdity on its front and thus delegated, is, therefore, an asurpation of the reserved authority of the States by the agent is a libel on the good sense of the Patent Onice reserved authority of their own creation.

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With regard to the exercise of the powers of the United States Patent Office, August 25, 1854.

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tus; and, further, this office is not aware that a patent has been granted heretofore for the exclusive right of making gas from wood. It would, however, be unjustifiable to expect me to make In respect to the internal administration of the ent, the Sentinel will sustain the settled Government, the Sextinki will sustain the settled policy of the Democratic party. It will labor to inculcate this cardinal doctrine of Democratic in ternal policy:—that this Government will best promote the freedom and prosperity of the people of the States, by being less ambitious to exercise power, and more anxious to preserve liberty; and by leaving to the individual States the management of all their domestic concerns—while it contents itself with granding the confederacy from W. P. McConaell, Esq., Care of Prof. C. G. Page, Washington, D. C. The United States Patent Office-To all persons to tents itself with guarding the confederacy from external violence, and directing the foreign policy whom these presents shall come, greting: This is to certify that the annexed is a true copy of the country to the promotion of the common interests, and defence of the common rights, and honor of the States composing it.

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